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PREPARATION METHOD AND ARTICLES

ART STATEMENT

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Sir:

A copy of the European Search Report from applicants' corresponding European patent application is enclosed.

Enclosed is a copy of British Patent No. 879,849 (British '849). The European Search Report cited British '849 as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited claims 1 to 8 and Examples 1 to 17 of British '849 as being relevant, and cited British '849 as being relevant to Claims 2 to 5 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 3,135,738 that the European Search Report stated corresponds to British '849.

Enclosed is a copy of British Patent No. 2,043,668 (British '668). The European Search Report cited British '668 as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited page 1, line 21, to page 2, line 3, of British '668 as being

relevant, and cited British '668 as being relevant to Claims 1 to 5 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of German Published Patent Application No. 4208946 (German '946). The European Search Report cited German '946 as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited page 4, lines 1 to 6, Claims 1 to 13, and Examples 1 and 2 of German '946 as being relevant, and cited German '946 as being relevant to Claims 2 to 25 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of German Published Patent Application No. 4338152 (German '152). The European Search Report cited German '152 as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited page 2, lines 55 to 61, Claims 1 to 6, and Examples 1 to 3 of German '152 as being relevant, and cited German '152 as being relevant to Claims 2 to 25 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 1,739,863 (Rosenthal et al.). The European Search Report cited Rosenthal et al. as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited page 1, lines 26 to 45, Claims 1 to 6 and Example 2 of Rosenthal et al. as being relevant, cited Rosenthal et al. as being relevant to Claims 2 to 5 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 3,405,080 (Otey et al.). The European Search Report cited Otey et al. as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited column 1, lines 43 to 49, and Examples 1 to 4 of Otey et al.

as being relevant, and cited Otey et al. as being relevant to Claim 1 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,060,506 (Verbanac). The European Search Report cited Verbanac as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited column 11, line 36, to column 12, line 18, Claims 1 to 37 and Examples 1 to 4 of Verbanac as being relevant, and cited Verbanac as being relevant to Claims 1 to 25 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

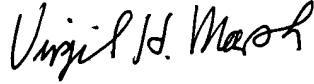
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Enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,436,078 (Buehler et al.). The European Search Report cited Buehler et al. as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X), cited column 3, lines 19 to 27, and Claim 1 of Buehler et al. as being relevant, and cited Buehler et al. as being relevant to Claims 2 to 5 of applicants' corresponding European patent application.

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A list of the above-mentioned references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

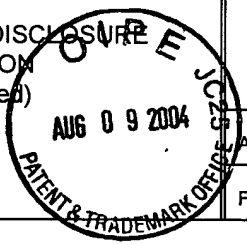


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